

**SHREWSBURY'S ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANT  
&  
SHREWSBURY'S COMMUNITY CABLEVISION**

**COMMISSION MEETING**

**March 31, 2003 – 7:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT: S. DAVIS  
C. JEFFERSON, Jr., Chairman  
J. TOMAIOLO  
A. TRIPPI**

**ABSENT: R. LUTZ**

**OTHERS**

**PRESENT: T. JOSIE  
J. TERRASI  
F. PAIKA  
T. DESILETS**

**1. Approve Bill Schedules**

The bill schedules were reviewed and approved as presented.

**2. Minutes – Light Commission Meeting – February 24, 2003**

*A motion:*

*To approve the minutes of the February 24, 2003 Light Commission meeting was made by S. Davis and seconded by J. Tomaiolo.*

*After no further discussion, the motion was voted unanimously.*

### **3. New Image/Brand Campaign**

T. Josie presented a summary of previous discussions and memos, including a consensus by the Commission, of the prospective new name of the organization. He further noted that because he and T. Desilets had concerns regarding the implementation of the name previously chosen by the Commission, the new identity project was not pursued. The Commission deemed the inaction inappropriate and directed the project be revived.

The Commission concurred that with changing the name of the company, their goal is to broaden the company's exposure and expand its image.

The Commission instructed that the project move forward.

### **4. Corridor Nine Area Chamber of Commerce Membership**

SELP/SCC recently received an invitation to attend a Corridor Nine Chamber of Commerce breakfast meeting. T. Josie commented that it is his opinion that this is a good networking tool and the membership cost is minimal.

After a brief discussion, the Commission approved the General Manager's recommendation that SELP/SCC join the Corridor Nine Chamber of Commerce.

### **5. Internet Services - Update**

T. Josie reviewed the current status of SCC's two connections to the Internet - Verizon/Genuity at a total of \$9,283 and AT&T, with a contract that expires March 2003, at a total of \$12,589.

SCC went out to bid to replace the AT&T circuit and subsequently obtained a bid from AT&T with an anticipated savings of \$15,384.

It was noted that it might take up to ninety days to install the new connection. This will delay offering the new lower priced (\$24.95) Internet service to SCC's customers.

### **6. Internet Discount - Petition from Senior Citizens**

As a result of receiving a letter from State Representative Karin Polito and a petition from a number of Shrewsbury's senior citizens requesting a senior citizens' Internet discount, C. Jefferson and T. Josie had discussions regarding their request.

Subsequently, C. Jefferson suggested that SCC offer the upcoming new low rate of \$24.95 to Shrewsbury's senior citizens, a savings of \$15.04 per month.

After a brief discussion, the Commission concurred with C. Jefferson's suggestion.

## **7. Winter Power Supply Cost – Rates**

T. Josie reported that SELP's current power supply contracts provided price stability during this past winter's period of high fuel prices.

There is no need for rate increases to adjust for fuel and there is a positive outlook predicted from now until July.

The Commission suggested that these results be advertised to the public.

## **8. CATV Organizational Review**

T. Josie presented a report of the CATV organization that focuses on the Headend, Digital, and TownISP.

It is his recommendation that SCC create and fill a new position, *Network Support Specialist*, with duties and responsibilities directly related to the system associated with the TownISP function. The new position would report to the Manager of CATV Operations – Wayne Cullen.

After further review of the report, the Commission accepted the recommendation of the General Manager, as presented.

## **9. February Cash Statements**

### **a. Light**

After a brief review and discussion, the electric cash statements for February were accepted as presented.

### **b. CATV**

After a brief review and discussion, the CATV cash statements for February were accepted as presented.

#### **10. Operating Brief – Review**

The Commission reviewed and accepted the Operating Brief as presented.

The next Light Commission meeting is tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 28, 2003.

*A motion,*

*To adjourn the meeting was made by A. Trippi and seconded by C. Jefferson.*

*After no further discussion, the motion was voted unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Robert F. Lutz, Clerk  
Shrewsbury's Light Commission